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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0054] of Applicant's originally-filed disclosure with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] FIG. 8 is a flow diagram illustrating operation of the power management module 38 of FIG. 4. As shown in FIG. 8, power management module 38 senses the input voltage V_{IN} (84), compares the input voltage V_{IN} to a threshold voltage V_{TH} (86). More specifically, power management module 38 determines whether the input voltage V_{IN} is greater than (as indicated by ">" in FIG. 8) the threshold voltage V_{TH} . If the input voltage V_{IN} exceeds (i.e., is greater than) the threshold voltage V_{TH} , e.g., approximately 2.4 to 2.6 volts, power management module 38 disables an input transistor such as MOSFET 60 (FIG. 4) to reduce the input voltage and thereby prevent pulse skipping in boost converter 56 (88). If the input voltage V_{IN} does not exceed (i.e., is not greater than) the threshold voltage V_{TH} , power management module 38 enables the input transistor to transmit the input voltage V_{IN} to boost converter 56 (90).